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TO: Parties and Intervenors

RE: **PETITION NO. 784MR** – Plainfield Renewable Energy, LLC's declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, maintenance, and operation of a 37.5 MW Wood Biomass Generating Project, Plainfield, Connecticut.

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) will hold a pre-hearing conference on procedural matters on Monday, July 28, 2008, in the Council's office, at Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut, beginning at 10:00 a.m. All parties, intervenors, and other participants are requested to attend. The purpose of this pre-hearing conference is to expedite the hearing procedure without sacrificing an informative record necessary for the Council to render a decision.

At the conference, parties, intervenors, and other participants will be encouraged to discuss requirements for pre-filed testimony, exhibit lists, administrative notice lists, expected witness lists, and the filing of pre-hearing interrogatories. To save the time and expense of the public, the Council wishes to avoid direct testimony at the hearing.

Each participant is requested to provide all parties, intervenors, and other participants in attendance a list of witnesses and the subjects their pre-filed testimony will address, a list of documents to be administratively noticed, and copies of any available exhibits to be offered at the hearing. The pre-hearing conference will also address the grouping of parties and intervenors and the order of presentations at the hearing.

Very truly yours,

S. Derek Phelps
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The Council proposes that the following format be used for the public hearing scheduled on August 14, 2008. These items will be discussed in detail at the pre-hearing conference scheduled for July 28, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at the Council's office.

1. At least ten business days prior to the public hearing, PRE shall provide notice of the scheduled hearing and a brief description of the proposed facility by certified mail to all abutting landowners of the proposed facility including the main power plant and the water diversion facility.
2. Before August 7, 2008, all parties, intervenors, and other participants, shall exchange and respond to pre-hearing interrogatories and exchange pre-filed testimony, exhibits, witness lists, and items to be noticed administratively with all other parties, intervenors, and other participants. To save the time and expense of all participants and the public, all parties, intervenors, and other participants are encouraged to resolve discrepancies of these items before the hearing. Pre-hearing interrogatories should be filed as soon as possible to allow for enough time for a response.
3. The Council requests that all testimony and exhibits be pre-filed with the Council and all parties, intervenors, and other participants by August 7, 2008, unless otherwise noted.
4. Any person seeking to be admitted as a participant to the proceeding is requested to file a written petition with the Council on or before August 7, 2008. Please note, however, that since the Council has not reopened the proceeding to permit additional parties or intervenors to be admitted, it is permitting members of the general public to be participants, present a case, and cross-examine witnesses for only the limited purpose of this hearing, provided a notice of intent has been filed before the due date.



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5. The hearing session will provide the parties, intervenors, and other participants an opportunity to present exhibits and witnesses, and cross-examine positions. PRE be allowed to present its exhibits and witness panel, and then be subject to cross-examination by all other participants in an established order, followed by the Council. All parties, intervenors, and other participants will then be allowed to present their exhibits and witness panels in accordance to the established order, and be subject to cross-examination by the all other participants, followed by the Council. PRE will be allowed a final rebuttal. Arguments will be entertained in writing after the close of the last hearing session.
6. The Council will provide an opportunity for public officials to make a statement.
7. No repetition of facts will be allowed.
8. A verbatim transcript of the hearing session will be made and deposited with the Canterbury and Plainfield Town Halls for the convenience of the public.
9. Parties and intervenors and other participants will be allowed to submit briefs and proposed determinations within 30 days after the close of the hearing.
10. Members of the public will be allowed to submit public statements into the record within 30 days after the close of the hearing.
11. Deadlines for briefs, proposed determinations, and public statements should be considered final and extensions will not be automatically granted.
12. The Council may, at its discretion, provide for the grouping of parties, intervenors, and other participants with the same interests.
13. Individuals will be encouraged to participate through their elected officials and other party or intervenor groupings.
14. All participants will be encouraged to be brief, concise, non-repetitious, and courteous of all other participants.
15. All participants are requested to place nameplates on the table in front of each witness at the hearing.